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Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Arkansas Grocers & Retail Merchants Association (AGRMA) is dedicated to serving, promoting and protecting the food, grocery and retail industries of Arkansas. We offer multiple programs to our members to help them run their businesses more efficiently. For these programs, the AGRMA and its members need access to the best, most reliable wireless and mobile broadband networks. The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile would achieve widespread access to the highest standard of wireless and mobile service.

By bringing the two companies together, AT&T and T-Mobile will be able to provide much needed high-speed wireless service to over 97 percent of the country. Having 4G LTE across the state would level the playing field for all industries around Arkansas, including our food, grocery and retail professionals.

In summary, I urge you consider the positive impact the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will have on our entire business community. Along with the economic development opportunities that would be created throughout the state, Arkansas' small businesses will surely benefit.

Sincerely,

Polly Rand Martin

President

Arkansas Grocers & Retail Merchants Association